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Dear Josh:

Thanks for your notes and  
Charles' letter. I enclose the counterpart  
to you. As you see, he didn't say  
that to all the boys. Seriously, I  
hope you make what I really believe to  
be the proper interpretation — namely, that  
<sup>I believe only that</sup> your award might reasonably have been  
Deferred a bit. I have, I must confess,  
run into this feeling among a very few others  
and I also <sup>had</sup> heard it expressed in  
connection with the Academy. I think and  
that I do not share this feeling in the  
least. I believe recognition should be  
given when merited and that age  
should not be taken into account.  
<sup>I have</sup> argued strongly for this view in  
the Acad. and will continue to do so.  
You have amply demonstrated your  
scientific talents and I'm sure  
this is widely recognized among those  
who know your work — including  
Charles. Incidentally, as you may <sup>now</sup> know, Berry  
and Davis at Harvard, plugged hard for the three of us for the N.P.

I must add that I fully intended to bring up the Rick business again at Stockholm because after our first quiet exchange on the subject I realized I had <sup>in my ignorance</sup> ~~had~~ ~~hoped~~ Charley about his being so absent minded - I of course had assumed the letters were the same - like the one I got addressed to you. But as you know there just wasn't much time for such discussion. I've had, just recently, a little note from Charley and although he was obviously embarrassed, I do not think ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> will let the affair ruin his life.

In case if we could really penetrate the minds of all our friends, colleagues and fellow geneticists we'd all find some with doubts about our deserving the Award. I know I am none several in my own case. And in fact, I can agree they could make a <sup>very</sup> ~~pretty~~ good case. ~~Don't~~ I could <sup>say</sup> keep them with their

arguments, for I know myself  
well enough to know that any  
success I've had was more the  
result of an especially favorable  
series of circumstances than my  
inborn special competence

I'm pretty much convinced that  
all this sort of soul-searching —  
serves no good purpose and  
I resolved to forget it and enjoy  
life until you ~~mete~~ triggered  
me off. ~~at this time~~

R. Francis R. Yes, I feel ~~that~~  
it's too bad for U.S.-Japanese relation  
that he was not selected. I know  
he wanted to go and I wrote a long  
letter in favor of his appointment to  
Wally Brode, giving him all the  
reasons why I thought F. was the  
logical person for the post. Wally  
said, in acknowledging my letter,  
that he was glad to have the  
information but that the Japs

appointment would most likely  
be Jeff Heyman because he had  
already served in a similar capacity  
(in France?) and was therefore first  
in line for the post in Japan. The  
implication — or hope on my part, I  
guess — was that Francis would  
be next in line. But the appointment  
was not Jeff ~~as~~ I understand, so  
your hypothesis — that Francis may  
be a bit too foreign for State —  
may be right. If so, all I can say  
is it's a damned shame. I know  
F.R. would win to our side many  
influential scientists in Japan who  
under some circumstances may be  
pretty sympathetic to the U.S.  
Incidentally, I also urged Chuck  
Dunham in DEC to make use of  
Francis's talents and interests in  
Japan — in connection with the  
ORBIB program. Nothing seems  
to have come of that either.

— I hope the moving plans are  
working out well. That's a big

for me a damping me.

Your card from Stockholm  
was a marvelous idea. When  
Muriel and I got it we said  
in unison, "Why didn't we  
have been smart enough to  
think of such a fine solution?"  
I used up Oxford's total supply  
of air letters and wrote so  
many notes by hand that I  
was many of them ended up in  
Jacqueline-induced gibberish.

Best to all

Beets..